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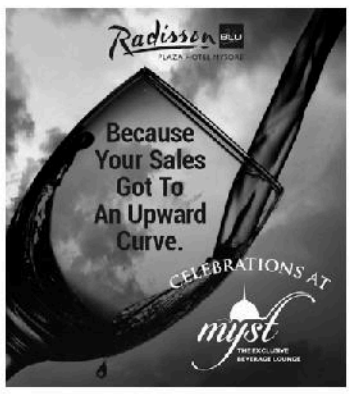

G20's Think20 Summit begins in city amidst tight security

Mysuru, July 31 (RK&BCT)- Over 250 delegates from across the world have arrived in Mysuru for the Think20 Summit being held at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel on M.G. Road. Delegates have been descending on the city since yesterday. They started arriving at the conference venue today noon, where they were accorded a traditional welcome.

The delegates are staying in Hotel Grand Mercure at Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle) and at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel where the Department of Tourism is looking after the boarding and lodging and travel facilities.

The Observer Research Foundation (ORF), as the Think20 Secretariat under India's G20 Presidency, is hosting the three-day Think20 Summit from July 31 till Aug. 2.

Think20 is the G20's official engagement group that serves as an 'ideas bank' for the multilateral grouping by bringing together think tanks and high-level experts to discuss policy issues relevant to the G20.

According to a press release, the conference will be a gathering of members of the seven Think20 Task Forces and policy experts from around the world. It provides an opportunity to collectively showcase ideas and insights on the priorities of India's G20 Presidency, including issues such as lifestyle for sustainable development, macro-economics and trade, women-led development, digital transformation, green transition and the global financial order.

The Think20 Summit is the final of the four key convenings by Think20 India. Think20 has, thus far, organised 64 side events in 22 cities in India and abroad, and published over 300 policy briefs from 706 institutions.

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Hebbal robbery case

Cops take five into custody

Suspects were security guards at various apartments

Mysuru, July 31 (RK&BS)- The Hebbal Polizce have cracked the daylight robbery case which was reported on July 26 in front of a bank at Hebbal Industrial Area and have taken into custody five suspects who were working as security guards.

Police sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that following the robbery of a cash bag containing Rs. 6.05 lakh in front of State Bank of India (SBI), Hebbal Industrial Area branch on July 26 at 10.15 am, the Police had launched an investigation.

Tulsidas, an employee of Darasaguppe SSC Private Limited in the same industrial area had come in the office van, to deposit the cash in the bank, when a man snatched the bag from his hand after throwing chilli powder at face, before making good his escape on a waiting motorcycle.

One of the robbers snatching the cash bag.

During the course of investigation, Police randomly verified the Call Detail Records (CDR) in the surroundings and assessed the communication between the suspects over cellphone, as they had been constantly exchanging information over the movements of the victim, to execute their plan.

The accused had tea at a nearby shop after the robbery and had paid the money through digital payment method.

Acting on these leads, Police zeroed in on the five suspects who spilled the beans about their act at the time of interrogation.

While the prime suspect, who snatched the cash bag, hatched the plan, the others helped him.

After committing robbery, the prime suspect had handed over the cash bag to his wife, who didn't know it was a stolen one.

All the five suspects were working as security guards in apartments at various localities in the city.

The Police are completing the legal formalities to declare their arrest in the case, sources said.

Dr. K. Byrappa dies of heart attack at Bengaluru Airport

Last rites in Mysuru after his son arrives from USA tomorrow or day after

Mysuru, July 31- Dr. K. Byrappa (69), Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University in Mandya district and a resident of Jodi Bevinamara Road in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru, passed away following a massive heart attack at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru this morning.

Dr. Byrappa, who was to participate in the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Convocation at Belagavi tomorrow, was scheduled to attend a meeting in this regard at Belagavi today. He left Mysuru in a car at about 3 am and reached KIA to board a flight to Belagavi. At the airport lounge, Dr. Byrappa reportedly suffered a massive heart attack, collapsed on the spot and breathed his last around 6 am.

Dr. K. Byrappa

He leaves behind his wife Dr. K.T. Sunitha, a retired English Professor at University of Mysore, sons Dr. Shayan Byrappa, Manager at Samsung in USA, Dr. Nayan Byrappa, Visiting Professor at University of Mysore and a host of relatives and friends.

The body will be brought to Mysuru after completing the formalities at KIA later in the day.

(See BYRAPPA on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 31st July 2023

JSS Law College students excel in National Moot Court contest

Mysuru, July 31- Students of the city's JSS Law College have bagged the first prize in the 3-day First National-level Moot Court competition-2023 organised by Bengaluru's Soundarya College of Law which concluded at Bengaluru on Friday. JSS College students won a cash prize of Rs.30,000 for their feat.

Justice S.R. Bannurmath, Chairman of Law Commission of Karnataka and former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court, gave away the prize to JSS Law College students U.J. Sheetal (3rd year Law), Ananya and Rohan V. Gangadkar (both 2nd year students) at the valedictory of the event held in Bengaluru.

Member-Secretary of Law Commission of Karnataka and former District and Sessions Court Judge R.B. Dharmagoudar, Prof. C.S. Patil and others were present.

Students from more than a hundred Law Colleges from across the country had taken part in the competition.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Aldous Huxley wrote: "You never see animals going through the absurd and often horrible fooleries of magic and religion… Dogs do not ritually urinate in the hope of persuading heaven to do the same and send down rain. Asses do not bray a liturgy to cloudless skies. Nor do cats attempt, by abstinence from cat's meat, to wheedle the feline spirits into benevolence. Only man behaves with such gratuitous folly. It is the price he has to pay for being intelligent but not, as yet, quite intelligent enough."

Huxley's last line encapsulates the universal wisdom that man is ostensibly intelligent; he's not actually intelligent. In his epochal book 'Brave New World,' the writer states that unless we all collectively think in a futuristic intelligent manner, we're doomed to keep repeating our follies. We cannot reason ourselves out of our basic irrationality. All we can do is learn the art of being irrational in a reasonable way.

Huxley further says that we shall have to accept the fact that we're certainly not the most evolved and intellectual beings and that our intelligence has scope for betterment. Once this acceptance dawns on us that we've not yet arrived but are still in the journey and will continue to be, doors to wisdom open up.

The problem with us is our absolutism about ourselves and all things around. Using our limited intelligence, we think that we have the answers and clues to everything and every issue. That is cerebral hubris based on fixed perceptions and nebulous inferences. It is our collective refusal to go beyond what we often erroneously perceive to be the end or ultimate. This is a huge fallacy. We need to go beyond ourselves and our preconceived notions to discern the truth and even after that, we should never feel that the truth is in our grip and grasp. Truth will continue to elude you as we evolve. But that doesn't mean that we should stop evolving. Human evolution is a perpetual journey. It is a sojourn of reason, evolving into intelligence, intelligence blossoming into intellect and intellect merging into the ocean of Self-realisation. *— Sumit Paul in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Skydiving to celebrate wedding

New York: A couple chose an adventurous celebration, not just for themselves, but also for the wedding guests, who will probably never forget it.

In a video going viral, a bride and groom, along with wedding guests are seen skydiving off a high cliff and enjoying the fun adventure. Notably, the couple, identified as Priscilla Ant and Filippo LeQuerce tied the knot on the cliff's edge and then took the thrilling plunge to celebrate new beginnings. All of the people present at the wedding were equipped with appropriate safety gear.

The video has gone viral, leaving people stunned at the daring act. Some people were thrilled with the one-of-a-kind wedding celebration and lauded the couple for their fearlessness and courage.

British men play pool for 111 hours

Consett: A pair of British man are attempting to break a world record by playing pool for 111 consecutive hours.

Marc Murray, 37, and Colin Pilcher, 40, started their Guinness World Records attempt for the longest marathon playing pool at Hooch's Snooker and Pool Lounge in Consett at 7 a.m. Tuesday and they expect to finish their attempt on Saturday, after playing for 111 hour and about 1,000 games.

Murray and Pilcher previously broke the same record in 2011 and 2013, but it has been held since 2017 by fellow Britons Darren Stocks and Graham Cuthbert, who played for a total 105 hours and 22 minutes.

"We always said we would never do it again because we struggled the last time. We are ten years older and life doesn't get easier when you do stuff like this," Pilcher said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Your heart beats about 100000 times a day.

By Dr. Bipin Chandra Aditya Dasari - Consultant – Cardiology – Interventional - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Mysuru MMA athletes for World Championships

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Coach Kavya, Coach Samarth, H.R. Theeksha Bharuni, R. Namrata, Team India Coach Kru Vikram, N. Aryan Raj, G.S. Dattatreya, J. Ashwin and Coach Kiran.

Mysuru, July 31- Five MMA youth athletes of the Academy of Martial Science (AMS), Mysuru, have been selected to represent India at the 2023 IMMAF Youth World Championships scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi at Mubadala Arena, Zayed Sports City, between Aug. 2 and 5.

The athletes will be a part of 29-member Indian contingent participating under the aegis of MMA India drawn from various States.

They are all trained at the AMS by Coaches Kiran, Samarth and Kavya and mentored by MMA India Head Coach and IMMAF Youth Commission Member Kru Vikram. Kru. Vikram will also be the Head Coach and team leader for Indian Team. Over 600 athletes from over 45 countries are expected to participate.

THE TEAM: 1. R. Namrata (12 Years, Youth C -48kgs); 2. H.R. Theeksha Bharuni (13 years, Youth C -52 kgs); 3. N. Aryan Raj (14 years, Youth B -52 kgs); 4. J. Ashwin (14 years, Youth B -72 kgs); 5. G.S. Dattatreya (14 years, Youth B -77 kgs).

Calling children of Ex-Servicemen

Mysuru, July 31 (SSM)- The Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has invited applications from children of ex-servicemen studying in 1st std. to final year degree/diploma or any professional courses at Schools/Colleges in the State or accredited by Karnataka Government for distribution of student scholarship and study materials for the year 2023-24.

Applications can be had from the Office of Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement. Those studying in 1st std. to final year degree/ diploma must submit filled-in forms before Sept. 30. Last date for those studying in professional courses is Oct. 30. All students must apply before Sept. 30 to get books. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2425240.

REALLY...?

- ***The brothers, Joseph Michel and Jacques Etienne Montgolfier, were inventors of the first hot air balloon. They used the smoke from a fire to blow hot air into a silk bag. The silk bag was attached to a basket. The hot air then rose and allowed the balloon to be lighter-than-air.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Q: **What's the best smelling insect?***
*A: **A deodor-ant!!***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.25
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.76
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.58

VOICE OF THE READER

Why dig road after it is tarred?

Sir,

A few weeks back the service roads adjacent to the Ring Road were tarred much to the delight of citizens as they were complaining about the potholed service roads which were non-motorable.

But alas that delight is going to be short-lived as iron pipes are unloaded and kept linearly attached alongside the service road in front of Sa.Ra. Convention Hall in Kanakadasanagar.

Next the freshly tarred service road would be dug up to lay the iron pipes and leave the road in ugly condition. I don't understand why the Departments concerned don't coordinate with each other or is it a scam or scheme to allot road works again and again?

Whatever it is, it is a toll on the vulnerable tax-payers. If we cannot pre-plan all underground works in advance like the European countries at least we can plan to dig first and then tar the roads. God save our country from such irresponsible and senseless authorities.

—**B.G. Balaji**
Kanakadasanagar 27.7.2023

62nd Foundation Day of KSRTC

- **First-of-its-kind celebration planned at City Bus Stand tomorrow**
- **Distribution of 'Mysore Pak' for 1,000 passengers**
- **Traffic Controller T.M. Doddegowda recalls journey from MSRTC to KSRTC that began on Aug. 1, 1961**

Mysuru, July 31 (BS)- At a time when Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the in-thing, a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) employee in the city has taken pains to flip through the old records to disseminate the history of the Government-owned Transport Corporation to celebrate the 62nd Foundation Day on Aug. 1.

Traffic Controller T.M. Doddegowda, deputed at KSRTC's City Bus Stand (CBS), has gleaned through the records at labour section in KSRTC City Bus Depot in Bannimantap here to prepare a hand note that gives an insight of the journey of KSRTC that remains an integral part of common man's life. It's a labour of three years of hard work and the result is rewarding as the seven-point hand note helps the old timers to recall reclining on an easy chair, while for the younger generation it gives a plethora of information, that is otherwise available on the net, if one has time and passion to go through the history of KSRTC.

Come August 1, KSRTC will be turning a new wheel as it celebrates 62nd Foundation Day. To make the occasion memorable, Doddegowda and his like-minded employees at the CBS have planned a celebration at 9 am. It includes distribution of *Mysore Pak*, the eponymous sweet delicacy of Mysuru, to about 1,000 passengers.

It is also for the first time such a celebration is planned, that is otherwise seen during *Ayudha Puja* festival day every year, when the vehicles will be washed and offered *puja*.

Doddegowda has recalled the history starting from Aug. 1, 1961 when Mysore State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) was re-christened as KSRTC. Prior to that, Mysore Government Road Transport Department (MGRTD) was started by the then Mysore Government headquartered in Bangalore (now Bengaluru) on Sept. 12, 1948 to provide transportation service to the people, with a fleet of 120 buses. Later in the year, 1961, MGRTD became MSRTC as per CIRT Act 1951.

Again in the year 1973, MSRTC was re-christened as KSRTC, followed by the birth of new divisions — Bangalore Metropolitan Road Transport Corporation (BMRTC) on Aug. 15, 1997 and North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) on Nov. 1, 1997 — after separating them from KSRTC. North Eastern Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) was established on Oct. 1, 2000, totalling four separate Cor-porations functioning in the State.

After carving out three new Corporations from KSRTC, remains the 15 divisions and Mysuru Division is the biggest among them.

KSRTC, which has grown into a behemoth in the country, has emerged as one of the best Government-owned Transport Corporations, which is a result of the hard work of 1.25 lakh employees spread across the State, working in connecting every nook and corners of the State, winning national and international awards for the Corporation.

Since 2006, Preventive Health Lifestyle Clinic has been introduced for the benefit of the employees while it is already known that monthly passes are being issued for the benefit of daily commuters and passes at discount rate for school and college students, specially-abled and visually challenged persons.

Beginning from the bus with Chevrolet Engine in the initial days to Electrical Bus now, the service includes 13 categories of buses like general, semi-luxury, super deluxe, Rajahamsa, non-AC Sleeper, Vajra, Airavat, Airavat Gold Class, Ambari, Ambari Dream Class, Ambari Utsav, Fly Bus and EV Power Plus (Electric Bus).

Managing Director of KSRTC V. Anbukumar, has been making all efforts for the implementation of several welfare programmes. The facilities like Rs. 1 crore accident insurance cover, salary on first of every month, implementation of Human Resource Management Software (HRMS) are to be written in golden words in the Transport Corporation.

PM Modi to be conferred Lokmanya Tilak National Award tomorrow

New Delhi, July 31 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Maharashtra's Pune on Aug. 1 during which he will lay the foundation stone of various development projects and receive Lokmanya Tilak National Award, a release from Prime Minister's Office said.

Narendra Modi

At around 11 am, Prime Minister will perform *darshan* and *puja* at Dagdusheth Mandir. At 11.45 am, he will be conferred Lokmanya Tilak National Award. Thereafter, at 12.45 pm, the PM will flag off metro trains and inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects," the statement said.

The Award was constituted by Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in 1983, to honour the legacy of Lokmanya Tilak and is presented every year on the 1st of August - Lokmanya Tilak's death anniversary. Modi will become the 41st recipient of the award.

Interaction with Scientists to mark MSF's 11th Foundation Day

Mysuru, July 31- As part of its 11th Foundation Day, **Mysore Science Foundation (MSF),** Mysuru, in association with Vijaya Vittala PU College, Mysuru, has organised an 'Interaction with Scientists' at Vijaya Vittala PU College in Saraswathipuram, on Aug. 6.

9.30 am: Inauguration.

10.30 am: Session-1 on the topic 'Chandrayaan-3'; **11.15 am to 11.45 pm:** Interaction; **Scientist:** C.D. Prasad, Senior Scientist, ISRO.

12 noon: Session-2; **Topic:** 'DNA Finger Printing Technology'; **12.45 pm to 1.15 pm:** Interaction; **Resource Person:** Dr. Vinod J. Lakkappan, Deputy Director, Forensic Lab, Bengaluru.

2 pm: Session-3; Topic: How is Earth Science important in our daily life?; **2.45 pm to 3 pm:** Interaction; **Resource Person:** Prof. R. Shankar, retd. Professor of Marine Geology, Mangalore University.

3 pm: Distribution of Participation Certificate.

For registration, log on to: ***https://forms.gle/sgCywnvvAMJiGWNG7***

To join WhatsApp Group visit: ***https://chat.whatsapp.com/H1FIlCBY22hADy3nxAOyeN***

Free health camp tomorrow

Mysuru, July 31 (SSM) - JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Mysuru, in association with Sri Vyasaraja Mutt, Mysuru, has organised a free health camp for public tomorrow (Aug.1) at Sri Vyasatheertha Vidyapeetha in Krishnamurthypuram here between 9.30 am and 1.30 pm.

Expert doctors will screen people for diabetes, hernia, gall-stones, skin diseases, thyroid, BPH, gangrene etc.

The general public may make use of the free camp.

For details, call Mob: 77951-24260, according to a press release.

NEWS BRIEFS

De-addiction Day

Marking the birth anniversary of late Seer Dr. Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji of Vijaya Mahanteshwara Samsthana Mutt, Ilkal, Bagalkot, Basavamarga Foundation, Mysuru, has organised De-addiction Day celebration at 10.30 am on Aug. 1 by taking out an awareness rally in Hebbal from Abhishek Circle to Surya Bakery Junction. Mysuru District Disabled Welfare Officer R. Malini and Foundation President Basavaraj will inaugurate. ZP CEO K.M. Gayatri will preside. The rally will also feature street plays en route, creating public awareness. [Mob: 85531-11999 or 88033-44999]

Interaction

Manthana Mysore has organised an interaction programme on 'Demographic Imbalance and its Implications on National Security' at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, on Aug. 5 at 5.30 pm. Retired DGP from Kerala M.N. Krishnamurthy and former Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka M. Madan Gopal will take part in the interaction. For registration, log on to ***https://forms.gle/4ETky4UE5Ueqhtq87*** [Mob: 99864-93998 or 98804-35175].

Music Competition

Rotary Mysore Brindavan is organising an Inter-School Music Competition under its 'Raga Rotary' programme at Rotary Brindavan School in Brindavan Extension on Aug. 6 at 10.30 am. Children from 1st to 10th standard can participate under three categories: Classical Music; Light Music and Film Music. For details, contact: Rtn. Prakash Hansoge on 98860-54999 or Rtn. Sreenidhi Murthy on 98869-95368.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	113.04	feet
Yesterday	:	112.60	feet
Inflow	:	8,768	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,177	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2282.99	feet
Inflow	:	6,111	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,500	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.16	feet
Inflow	:	4,051	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,708	cusecs

K.R. Hospital needs major surgery to ease patient pain

By V. Chethan Narasimha

Mysuru, July 31- The Krishna Rajendra (K.R.) Hospital, originally built by the erstwhile rulers of Mysore State with the noble intention of providing affordable healthcare to the people of Mysuru and surrounding areas, has sadly transformed into a place of misery for the less fortunate.

Despite successive Governments investing in much-needed infrastructure for this century-old hospital, the employees' greed for money has led to the denial of basic medical tests to patients.

The hospital, known as 'Doddaspatre,' attracts thousands of economically disadvantaged and middle-class individuals seeking quality treatment at a minimum cost. However, after enduring long waits for outpatient slips, patients meet doctors with the hope of receiving proper care.

To their dismay, doctors often prescribe a series of expensive medical tests, including blood tests, X-rays, ultrasound scanning, Hepatitis-B tests, and MRI scanning, pushing the patients to get these done outside the hospital. Despite the availability of good scanning, X-Ray and laboratory equipment within the hospital itself, the patients are left in a dilemma, unable to afford the costly tests or the required treatment for their ailments.

Shockingly, even crucial Tetanus Toxoid (TT) Injections, needed for emergency cases, are reportedly unavailable in the hospital, with attendants forced to purchase them from outside medical shops.

Preoccupied with mobile phones

Moreover, both doctors and paramedical staff appear indifferent to the patients' suffering, as they seem preoccupied with their mobile phones rather than attending to their responsibilities. The Emergency Wards primarily consist of junior doctors and while some provide treatment, others are engrossed in their phones.

This lack of attention and care from the medical staff raises concerns among the aggrieved patients and their families. The hospital's sanitation situation is deplorable, with toilets emitting filthy odours and becoming breeding grounds for infectious diseases. The lack of maintenance and proper sanitation facilities inconveniences inpatients and discourages their use.

In a disheartening development, the hospital's front garden has been converted into a parking lot, eliminating greenery and denying a peaceful resting place for patients' relatives.

Patients pour out woes

Multiple patients shared their distressing experiences, highlighting the hospital's inefficiencies. Some reported being turned away without receiving their scan reports and told to return the next day due to time constraints. Others revealed that treatment often relies on connections or contacts within the hospital, with those lacking such influence facing difficulties in accessing proper care.

Rukmini

Mahadevamma

Ramesh

A patient, **Rukmini,** shared her harrowing encounter with the hospital's staff, claiming that they resort to unprofessional practices when bribes are not given. Despite the mistreatment, she feels left with no choice but to return due to her limited options as a financially disadvantaged individual.

"I came here in the morning to get the scanning done. After waiting until evening, they informed me that their time was over and asked me to come back tomorrow. Now, I have to return to my village and come here again tomorrow," said **Mahadevamma,** another patient who was waiting at the hospital.

One **Ramesh,** who had accompanied his mother to the hospital, said: "We brought our mother from K.R. Nagar for treatment and the doctor prescribed a scan. However, the staff asked us to come back after one week because my mother is considered an outpatient. Shocked and frustrated, we shared this with my brother, who managed to contact someone in the hospital. Eventually, the scan was done later. It seems that receiving proper treatment here depends on having the right connections. There is nobody to monitor the situation, and everyone seems to follow their own rules."

Nothing changed even after Upa Lokayukta's notice

It may be recalled here that Upa Lokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra took proactive action against the mismanagement at K.R. Hospital. Following his visit on June 18, where he expressed dissatisfaction with the substandard maintenance, hygiene issues and inefficient resource utilisation, he initiated *suo motu* proceedings against the responsible authorities.

The Upa Lokayukta initiated *suo motu* proceedings against the Hospital Medical Superintendent and Resident Medical Officer and were named as respondents in the notice.

The allegations include dereliction of duty and during the visit, the Upa Lokayukta observed deficiencies in patient care, infrastructure and hygiene, particularly affecting people from the lower strata of society who frequent the State-run Hospital. Notably, patients with gangrene and cellulitis were left unattended on benches and tables without proper bedding or hygiene measures.

Drones pose a threat despite restrictions

Operating drone without valid licence can result in penalty of Rs. 1.5 lakh

By Bapu Lingaraj Urs

Mysuru, July 31- The increasing popularity and accessibility of drones have brought about numerous benefits, such as improved aerial photography, surveillance, delivery services and research capabilities.

In recent years, the use of drones in urban areas and tourist centres, like Mysuru, has seen significant growth.

However, along with these advantages, there are also concerns and challenges associated with drone usage. Instances of unauthorised drone activities in sensitive areas of Mysuru, housing landmarks like Mysore Palace, Reserve Bank of India's Note Printing Press, Rare Materials Plant and campuses of vital technology industries like Infosys and L&T, have raised security and privacy concerns.

Despite regulations and restrictions on drone usage, including requirements for registration, operator licencing and adherence to no-fly zones, drones are still being extensively used in the city, often violating privacy norms. The lack of action against these unauthorised drones poses a potential threat to national security.

In a tourist centre like Mysuru, flying drones can cause additional concerns. For example, they can be misused to steal personal information from tourists, such as credit card numbers or passport details. Furthermore, drones might interfere with Police operations or emergency response efforts, posing safety risks.

Invading people's privacy

Drones can also contribute to noise pollution, disrupt radio signals and invade people's privacy by capturing images and videos without their consent, particularly in residential areas, public spaces and restricted locations.

Additionally, when in the wrong hands, drones can be used for nefarious purposes, such as smuggling contraband items and conducting illegal surveillance, posing significant security risks to public safety and national security.

India faces specific national security risks, especially when drones are used by hostile entities for terrorist activities across borders. To address this issue, the Indian Government implemented drone regulations in August 2021, defining guidelines for drone operations and restricting their usage in sensitive areas.

Drones weighing above 250 grams require a licence from an authorised private company approved by the Central Government. Drones weighing above 150 kg require a special licence, with only two companies in India, the Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS) in Chennai and Agni Aero Sports Adventure Academy in Mysuru, having obtained approval for such licences.

To acquire a licence, individuals must register on the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) website and obtain a licence from either Agni Aero Sports Adventure Academy or another approved company in Chennai. Operating a drone without a licence can result in a penalty of Rs. 1.5 lakh.

Imports banned

In February 2022, the DGFT issued a notification banning the import of drones in India, except for R&D, Defence and security purposes. Importing drones for these purposes requires obtaining an import authorisation from the DGFT, which also regulates the import of drone components. However, drones stolen from China continue to enter India through illegal means via Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Despite efforts to regulate drone usage, there have been incidents of illegal drone activities, particularly in Mysuru. For instance, near Chamundi Hill, View Point and Temple premises, some individuals have flown drones dangerously close to structures, endangering public safety. Strict adherence to regulations around sensitive areas remains a challenge.

Training at KRS backwaters

Drones indeed offer numerous benefits, but their misuse is a concern. Our institution not only facilitates the licencing of drones but also provides comprehensive training to individuals involved in drone operations. The Centre has approved the provision of 2,500 drones free of cost for critical operations. To effectively operate these drones, each one requires two skilled operators and 5,000 individuals must be trained. Currently, we are training 1,600 individuals at the backwaters of KRS Dam, a location mandated by the Central Government for this purpose.

—Raghavendra, Director of Drone Operations, Agni Aero Sports Adventure Academy

Income Tax provisions for senior citizens

Mysuru, July 31- As part of monthly lecture series, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has invited Tejeshwini, Chartered Accountant, to create an awareness on Income Tax provisions available for senior citizens to avail as per the latest instructions of the Union Government.

The programme will be held on Aug. 7 at 5 pm at the Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana of the Elder Citizens Council premises located next to Dharmasthala Manjunatheswara Kalyana Mantapa, Jayalaxmipuram, Mysuru.

Dr. H.M. Nagaraj, President of the Council, will preside.

For further details, contact Mob: 99804-12406, according to a press release from K.S. Krishna, Secretary, Elder Citizens Council.

Utilisation of MLALAD funds: Guidelines revised

Bengaluru, July 31 (BS)- The guidelines related to utilisation of funds under MLA Local Area Development (MLALAD) scheme have been revised, making a provision to utilise the funds to create basic infrastructural facilities at Government Colleges and Engineering Colleges coming under Higher Education Department.

The funds can be utilised for building classroom, compound wall, library, laboratory, toilet at Government Colleges, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnic Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Government Job-Oriented Institutes, besides providing equipment to Engineering and Medical Colleges, installation of pure drinking water unit, road, play grounds and canteens.

The funds can also be allotted to provide computers to all the Departments of Government-owned Universities.

Man missing from Kavalande

Nanjangud, July 31-A 42-year-old man, who left his house on June 11, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by the missing person's mother Maramma with Kavalande Police.

Shivaswamy

The missing person is Shivaswamy, son of late Joga Nayaka and a resident of Karya village, Kavalande hobli in the taluk. He is 4.9 ft. tall and was wearing a pink coloured shirt, black striped dhoti and was carrying a towel.

Those having any information about the said person may contact Kavalande SI Krishnakanth Koli on Mob: 94808-05050.

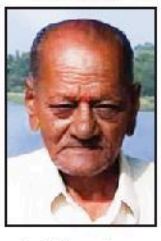
Unidentified body found

Mysuru, July 31- Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified woman lying next to the railway track between MNGT and Naganahalli Railway Stations and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 30 and 35 years, 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, round faced, normal built, has the tattoo 'GOWTHU' and 'MANASA' and a heart shape on her left hand and was wearing a black coloured Nike jerkin, grey coloured round neck T-shirt and black and blue coloured leggings. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Obituary

Siddappa



Mysuru, July 31- Siddappa (93), a Civil Contractor and a resident of IPS Srinivas Nagar in Police Layout 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday night in city.

A native of Tagarupura village in Kollegal taluk, he leaves behind his wife Siddamma, sons Puttanna (Devaraja Traffic ASI), Nagesh (Head Constable at City Police Commissioner's Office), Mohan, Mohankumar Gowda and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Devika

H.D. Kote: Devika (Mary), a resident of K. Belthur village in H.D. Kote taluk, passed away following a heart attack at her residence yesterday afternoon. She was 56.

She leaves behind her husband Chamaraju (owner of Fair Price Shop), sons Yashwanth, Vinayaka and Prashanth, daughter Pramila Kumari (Pavithra), son-in-law K. Mahesh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farmland in the village this afternoon.

JWGC Election

Dr. Abraham Thomas new Prez wins by one vote

Dr. Abraham Thomas
President

V.G. Achar
Hon. Secretary

K.A. Anil Kumar
Captain

R.S. Nitish
Hon. Treasurer

Mysuru, July 31 (BS)- Dr. Abraham Thomas was elected as the President of Jayacahamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) in the city yesterday. Thomas, who secured 543 votes, won by a margin of just one vote against his nearest rival B.M. Nagesh who got 542 votes in the keenly contested election for the year 2023-24.

V.G. Achar was elected as Honorary Secretary by securing 470 votes against his nearest rivals A.S. Somesh (410 votes) and M.R. Mohan Kumar (205 votes).

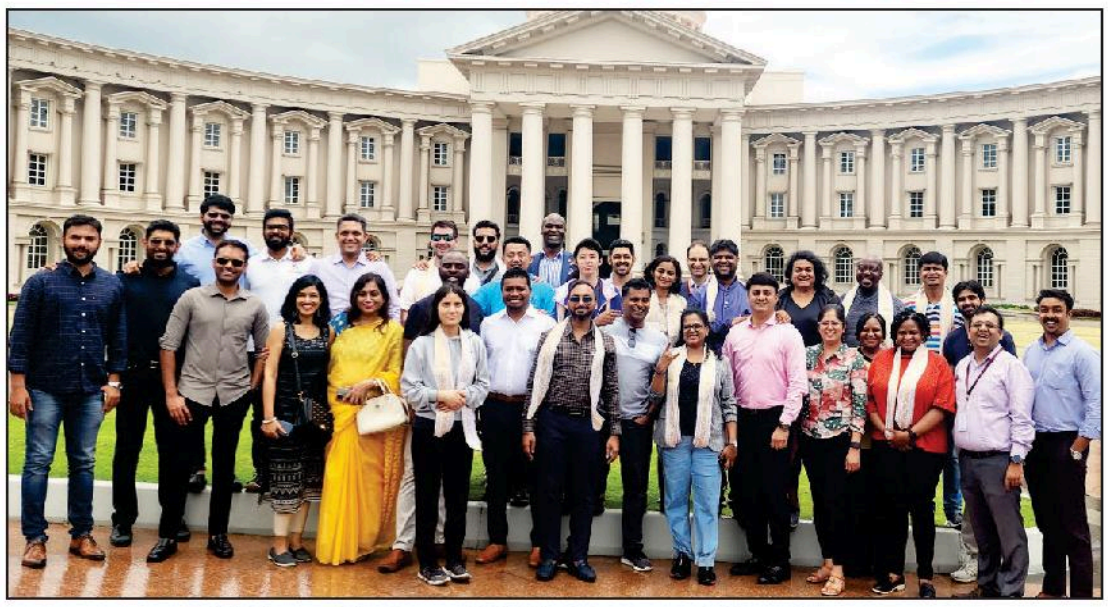
K.A. Anil Kumar was elected as Captain by securing 474 votes against his nearest rivals M.S. Yeshwanth (353 votes) and S.N. Hemanth (258 votes). R.S. Nitish was elected as Honorary Treasurer by securing 467 votes against his nearest rivals Dr. Anil Thomas (268), K.M. Veer Mohan (180) and Ramesh Kumar Jain (170).

For the post of Committee Members (Three positions - Playing Category), M.A. Bopanna was elected by securing highest, 881 votes of the total 1,085 votes polled in the election. B.S. Krishna (777) and D.V. Sridhar (643) were also elected.

For the post of Committee Members (Three Positions - Open Category), Vinay Natarajan was elected by securing 832 votes, while N.K. Narendra Babu got 783 votes and N. Maneesh 638 votes.

Mysuru's ed-tech prowess impresses G20 delegation

G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance visits Infosys, Excel Public School and a Government School


Yi Mysuru Members with YEA delegates at Infosys Campus.

Mysuru, July 31 (BCT)- Young Indians (Yi) is a dynamic movement empowering Indian youth to Converge, Lead, Co-Create, and shape India's future. As a non-profit organisation, Young Indians is an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

On July 18, 2023, the Young Indians Mysuru Chapter hosted delegates from the G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance in Mysuru. The delegates hailed from Canada, United Kingdom, China, France, and various African countries.

During their visit, they had the opportunity to explore the Infosys Campus, where they were introduced to the company's remarkable technological advancements. Additionally, the delegates were invited to the Excel Public School, Koorgalli, where local young entrepreneurs, Akshara Kumar of Truly Essentials and Dr. Chaitra Bharath of Krishi Junction and Event Up, showcased their innovative startups.

The students of Excel Public School also had the chance to pitch their own creative ideas to the delegates. Subsequently, the delegates visited the Mysore Palace and gained insights into the rich history, culture, and traditions of the Mysuru region.

The delegates also visited a Government School adopted by the Kalisu Foundation and interacted with students and teachers, underlining the importance of education in shaping a better future for the students.

The visit of the G20 YEA delegates to Mysuru served as an excellent opportunity to spotlight the city's commitment to education, technology, and overall development. The delegates were deeply impressed by the commendable work being done in Mysuru and expressed their eagerness to share the insights from their visit with their colleagues in their respective countries.

Ankith Sonthalia, Chapter Chair, S.R.S. Rahul, Co-Chair, Utsav Agarwal and Nikhil Koundinya, Past Chairs; Bharath Devarajappa, Chair Yuva, Abhinav Sriprakash, Prathibha Rao, and other members from Young Indians, Bangalore Chapter were present.

G20's Think20 Summit

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This noon, the delegates gathered for lunch at Mysouth, on the Mezzanine floor of Radisson Blu Plaza. After lunch and high-tea, the T20 Conference will start at 6.30 pm with the first session 'Continuity, Cohesion, Cooperation: New Horizons for the T20', focusing on the themes of continuity, cohesion, and cooperation in the context of the T20.

Speakers will share their insights and perspectives on the topic, aiming to explore new avenues for collaboration among G20 nations. Samir Saran, Chair, T20 India Secretariat and Member, T20 India Core Group; President, Observer Research Foundation will chair the discussion.

Other speakers include Sujan Chinoy, Chair, T20 India Core Group and Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), Luciana Servo, President, Institute of Applied Economic Research, Brazil, Bambang Brodjonegoro, Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia, Indonesia and Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa.

Later, there will be a launch of the T20 India Communique that will present the findings and recommendations derived from thorough discussions during the conference. The communique will be officially unveiled by Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, India, outlining crucial suggestions to be considered by the G20 nations. After dinner, the delegates will witness cultural performances.

Elaborate security in place; Mysore Palace entry ban

The city Police have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure a safe and smooth event for the international delegates and the public during the G-20 Forum.

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth has issued a statement outlining the comprehensive security measures that will be implemented throughout the meeting.

To ensure the safety of the delegates, a temporary no-flying zone has been established within a 1-km radius of the venues where the international delegates will be accommodated during their stay in Mysuru.

In compliance with the Drone Rules of 2021, flying drones will be strictly prohibited within this zone. Additionally, Section 144 will be enforced to prevent any unlawful gatherings or disturbances during the event.

The specified no-flying zone will encompass Radisson Blu Plaza, Hotel Grand Mercure, and the Mysore Palace, as stated in the release. For security reasons, public access to Mysore Palace will be restricted on Aug. 1 from 2.30 pm onwards. Furthermore, entry for the public will also be restricted during the sound and light show from 7 pm to 8 pm on Aug 2.

Dr. K. Byrappa dies of heart attack

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The last rites will be held after his son arrives in Mysuru tomorrow or day after, according to family sources.

A native of Paduvarahalli in city, Dr. K. Byrappa, obtained his Master's degree from the University of Mysore with distinction, rank and medals and obtained Ph.D and Post-Doc degrees from Moscow State University, Russia. He had served for about 31 years at the University of Mysore in different capacities before becoming the Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University during June 2014. He was serving as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Adicunchanagiri University at B.G Nagar, Nagamangala in Mandya district since 2018. Dr. Byrappa had specialised in Materials Science, Nanotechnology, Solid State Science, Crystal Growth, Chemistry of Materials, Crystallography, Crystal Chemistry, Experimental Mineralogy, and Environmental Science.

Trishikha Wadiyar inaugurates enclosure for dogs with disabilities at PFA

Mysuru, July 31 (BLU&DM)- In yet another initiative of **People For Animals (PFA)** in animal care, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar of Mysore royal family inaugurated an exclusive enclosure for dogs with disabilities at PFA premises in SBM Layout, Bogadi, here this morning. The enclosure is sponsored by Dr. D.L. Madhavi.

Speaking on the occasion, Trishikha Kumari said that she was delighted to have inaugurated the enclosure for disabled dogs as they need special care. Pointing out that such an enclosure will be of huge benefit for disabled pet animals as they find it difficult to compete with healthy animals for having food, she opined that more people should come forward for adoption of pet animals.

PFA President G. Prakash, Managing Trustees G. Savitha Nagabhushan and Soundararajan, Veterinarian Dr. Amardeep Singh and others were present.

The enclosure can accommodate 75 differently-abled dogs. There are over 300 pet animals including dogs, cats, monkeys, horses, donkeys, rabbits, cattle, eagles and ducks, which are being taken care at PFA here.

Pet lovers adopt cats, dogs at PFA's adoption mela

Mysuru, July 31 (GA&KS)- Pet lovers have adopted orphaned, stray and rescued cats and dogs at the adoption mela organised by People For Animals (PFA) at its premises in SBM Layout, Bogadi, here yesterday morning.

At the adoption mela, about 60 people visited and adopted six kittens and three puppies and they were educated about taking care of the health and raising their pets by resource persons and People For Animals Veterinarians.

Speaking on the occasion, People For Animals Managing Trustee Savitha Nagabhushan said that the adoption process at People For Animals takes place daily and in order to create awareness about the adoption, an adoption mela was held.

'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme: Long queues for registration

People line up in front of MCC Zone-6 office, located opposite Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road in city this morning, to register for 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme.

Mysuru, July 31 (MTY&DM)- Days after the Government launched registration (July 19) for its ambitious 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme (Rs. 2,000 monthly financial assistance to woman head of a family), which is one of the five pre-Poll promises of the Congress Government, the city continues to witness long queues for registration to the scheme, with people lining up before the special counters opened for the purpose, in hundreds even before the offices are opened.

The MCC Zone-6 office, located opposite Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road in the heart of the city, saw an unusually huge rush this morning, with a large number of women lining up before the special counter for getting registered for the scheme.

With the Government launching the registration for 'Gruha Lakshmi' across the State, the local authorities have opened special counters at all the 9 MCC Zonal offices and the Main MCC office on Sayyaji Rao Road, for registration. This apart, registration is also being done in KarnatakaOne, GramaOne, MysoreOne, Bapuji Seva Kendras and other approved agencies.

Wild elephants driven out of sugarcane field in S'patna

Srirangapatna, July 31- A herd of nine wild elephants, which raided sugarcane fields at Hampapura and Hebbadi villages and had stayed put in a sugarcane field at Gamanahalli village in Srirangapatna taluk since yesterday morning, were finally driven out of the sugarcane field yesterday evening by the Forest Department staff.

After the herd of wild elephants began raiding standing crops, villagers and public began crowding the place. The Forest Department officials, as a safety measure, warned motorists travelling on Mysuru-Mahadevapura Road and instructed villagers of Hampapura, Hebbadi hundi and Rammanahalli not to go to their agricultural fields.

Srirangapatna Range Forest Officer (RFO) Anita, Deputy RFO Anandegowda and staff Kantharaj, Pasha and others stayed put at the spot and took steps to prevent the elephants from entering the villages.

Finally, at about 6.45 pm, the Forest staff managed to drive away the elephants, which began to move towards Bannur.

This morning, the elephant herd was seen swimming in Cauvery River near Bannur.

Installation Ceremony at Schools

ROTARY INTERACT CLUB OF ANANTHAGEETHA VIDYALAYA: ***The Installation Ceremony of Rotary Interact Club at Ananthageetha Vidyalaya, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, was held in the presence of Rtn. K. Umesh of Rotary Midtown Mysore as the Installing Officer. Ananthageetha Vidyalaya President Venugopal Kallur presided over the event. Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Rtn. Satyendra Kashyap and Rtn. Mohan Gurumurthy were the guests of honour. School Principal A. Srikanth and Assistant HM Lokesh Haradur, Student President M. Preran and Student Secretary Janani were among those present.***

ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL: ***The Investiture Ceremony was held at St. Arnold's Central School, Sathagalli Layout, Mysuru, recently. Annie Jayasheela presided over the Investiture Ceremony. Manager Rev. Fr. Edward Ferrao, Principal Rev. Fr. Jossie Fernandes, Treasurer Rev. Fr. Solomon Reddy, Head Mistress Aureen D'Cruz, Teachers, students and their parents witnessed the event.***

INTERACT CLUB OF ROTARY MIDTOWN ACADEMY: ***The installation of Interact Club 2023-24 was held at APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium of Rotary Midtown Academy, Hootagalli, with Youth Service Director Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra as the chief guest. Gurumurthy, President D. Sreenivas, Secretary Sathyendra Kashyas of Rotary Mysore Midtown and other Rotarians were present on the occasion. M.D. Darshan was elected as President and Harshitha Singh as the Secretary of Interact Club 2023-24.***

COORG PUBLIC SCHOOL (COPS), GONIKOPPAL: ***The Investiture Ceremony of the Students Council was held at COPS recently with Prof. Dr. A.S. Poovamma, Vice-Principal of Cauvery College, Gonikoppal, as the chief guest. The prefects received their badges and pledged to serve as role models and make a positive impact on their peers. School President Prof. M.D. Nanjunda presided. An enthralling cultural programme was also presented by the students on the occasion.***

'Swatantryotsava Kavigoshti'

Poems invited

Mysuru, July 31- Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga have organised 'Swatantryotsava Kavigoshti' to commemorate the 76th year of Indian Independence at Namana Kalamantapa in Krishnamurthypuram here.

Those interested to participate in the poets meet may send a poem, not exceeding 20 lines, written by them through post to: Ranganath Mysore, General Secretary, Hoysala Kannada Sangha, No. 75, 'E' Block, 15th Cross, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru and register their names along with their mobile numbers.

For more details, contact Mob: 98457-91252, according to a press release.

Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas

Mysuru, July 31 (MTY&DM)- Members of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement (MEM) celebrated Kargil Vijay Diwas by offering floral tributes to martyred soldiers and garlanding the statue of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) on JLB Road here yesterday.

The Ex-Servicemen offered floral tributes to Kargil war martyred soldiers Lt. Manoj Kumar Pandey, Grenadier Yogendra Singh, Rifleman Sanjay Kumar, Capt. Vikram Batra and Capt. Saurabh Kalia. Also, 8 physically challenged persons who had come from Dharwad for attending the programme, were felicitated. Later, a Kargil victory rally was taken out to K.R. Hospital premises passing through Railway Station Road. Thereafter, a cleanliness drive (Swachhata Campaign) was conducted in K.R. Hospital premises, which was launched by MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani.

More than 300 people took part in the drive, during which 25 bags of waste was collected from the Hospital premises. All the members who took part in the Shramadaan were issued a participation certificate and breakfast was provided to more than 1,500 people. The menu included Rice Baath, Kesari Baath and Doodh Peda. Students of Sainik Academy, members of Mysore Athletic Club, Panchasheel Rotary Club, Inner Wheel Club, Saamanya Seva Kendra, Sanjay Prathishtana Charitable Trust, Santrupti family, Better Life Trust and Sainik Restaurant too were part of the event.

Ex-Army Officer Brig. Ravi Muniswamy, MEM Founder V. Mahesh, MEM President Prince Anthony, Vice-President Vivekananda, General Secretary Sridhar, Directors Kishore Kadam, Vishwanath, Mithun, Shashikiran, Lokesh and others were present.

Karnataka Sainika Ratna Awardees

Lt. Col. Puttichanda Ganapathy MVC (Retd.) receiving Karnataka Sainika Ratna Award from the dignitaries in Bengaluru yesterday.

Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust President Mandetira N. Subramani, who was honoured with Karnataka Sainika Ratna Award in Bengaluru yesterday, seen with dignitaries.

Bengaluru, July 31- Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association, Rajya Ghataka and Bangalore Zilla Ghataka, A7 Entertainment and She For Society had jointly organised a programme at BGS Grounds in Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, yesterday to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas.

On the occasion, Karnataka Sainika Ratna Awards were presented to 24 Ex-Servicemen. MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Lt. Col. Puttichanda Ganapathy MVC (Retd.) and Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust President Mandetira N. Subramani (Air Veteran) were among those who received the award from the dignitaries.

As part of the event, a 'Ride with Soldiers' bike rally was also organised.

Association State President Dr. N.K. Shivanna (Veteran Junior Commissioned Officer), Association Mysuru Ghataka President Diwakar (Army Veteran) and others were present.

MAHAM-2023 enthrals participants, attendees

Mysuru, July 31 (BCT)- SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous) conducted a two-day national-level fest, MAHAM-2023 recently. The event, which featured a diverse range of cultural and academic competitions, left participants and attendees enthralled with its grandeur.

The valedictory ceremony witnessed actor Poornachandra Mysore, as the chief guest. In a nostalgic speech, he expressed his gratitude towards the college for nurturing his love for theatre and acting during his formative years. He motivated the students to dream big and strive to achieve their aspirations.

Adding to the glamour, popular actors and former *Bigg Boss* contestants, K.P. Aravind and Divya Uruduga, along with their team, showcased their upcoming movie, 'Ardhambardha Prema Kathe' and interacted with students.

Singers Likith Gaayak and Bharathi mesmerised the audience with some all-time Kannada chartbusters. Fashion Designer Palash Bidappa's showcase of her creations, 'Closet,' further elevated the event's charm. Actors Siddu Moolimani and Dhanveer's presence created an electric atmosphere as they captivated their fans.

The fest was inaugurated by Sam Cherian, Chairman, CII, and Managing Director, Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru. He emphasised the importance of responsibility, passion, and mindset for achieving success. He urged the students to focus on upskilling themselves and cultivate meticulousness and perseverance in their endeavours.

T. Muralidhar Bhagavath, President of Mahajana Education Society, delivered the Presidential Address and highlighted the significance of events like MAHAM in providing a platform for students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills and bridge the gap between industry and academia. He also announced scholarships for post-graduate students.

The fest was attended by Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, Mahajana Education Society, Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal, Dr. S.R. Ramesh, CEO and Academic Advisor, Dr. H.R. Thimmegowda, MAHAM Teacher Coordinator and Head of the Department of Kannada.

Several competitions were held as part of the fest, and students from various colleges showcased their talent and expertise. The prize winners in different categories are:

Solo Western Dance: Nithin Kunal (First), V. Shashank (Second).

Couple Dance: Bharath and S. Nischal (First), Nithin Kumar and Priya (Second).

Hackathon: Mohd. Uzair and Jayanth Kumar (First).

Bhavageethe: Deeksha (First), S.M. Keerthana (Second).

Incognito: Fiza Suhair and Y. Geya Reddy (First), Ekatha Shankar Narayan Bhat and Panchami (Second).

S Cleudo: N.G. Prajwal and P. Prajwal (First), M.D. Dhanush and Varshitha (Second).

Bio Carnival: Mohit Krishna and Balaji (First), Enosh Issac and Issac (Second).

Master of the Mic: Pradeep Naik and H.M. Divyashri(First), Sanjana Yadav and K.R. Sanjana (Second); Treasure Hunt: G.S. Druthi, Namratha Gopinath, S. Dinesh, Navaneeth Jain and Karthik Gowda (winners).

Western Solo Singing: Mancha (First), Sonu (Second).

Marketing: Muskan, Amrutha Kiran, and Sheikh Akmal (First), Mamatha, Rajesh, and S. Harshitha (Second).

Business Quiz: Syed Mohammad Muzakir and M.S. Harsha Kumar (First Place), P. Jathin Kumar and D. Sanjay Kumar (Second).

Finance: Advika S. Ranganath (First), H.S. Shashank and S.V. Shashank (Second)

Best CEO: Bhavesh Kumar (First), Syeda Rumesa.

WORD OF THE DAY

Evince

Pronunciation: ih-VINSS.
Meaning: Evince is a formal word that means "to display clearly." Someone who evinces an attitude, emotion, quality, etc., shows it clearly.
Origin: A good explanation evinces a willingness to report facts, and we aim to do just that here. To evince something is to show it clearly; the thing evinced is typically an intangible, such as an attitude or intent. Before the current use of evince was established in the late 18th century, the word could mean "to conquer or subdue" and "to convince or conclusively refute," both meanings evincing a link to the word's Latin ancestry: the verb evincere, means "to vanquish" or "to win a point." It comes from another Latin verb, vincere, meaning "to conquer." That word counts among its offspring convince, invincible, vanquish, and victory.
Example: "History will reflect that in all vocations, whether in the calling of the clergy, the practice of law, of medicine, of public service or education, there are certain individuals who, from time to time, evince a singular erudition, ingenuity, and skill that distinguishes them from their peers." — Anand Dash, TAPinto (New Providence, New Jersey), 2 June 2023.

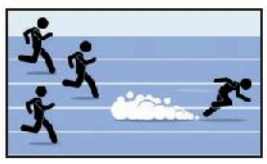
THE ODD WORD

Eftsoons

Soon after.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Eat my dust



Meaning: People use the expression 'Eat my dust' when they feel confident about outperforming their opponent at something.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "Eat my dust" likely comes from racing and the fact that when people run, they might kick up dirt, or dust, into the air as they go. The type of terrain matters for this; for example, people running on a concrete road probably aren't going to kick up any noticeable dirt into the air. On the other hand, people running on a dirt road might.
The imagery for this expression typically involves a person running in a race. The leading racer is sprinting and dust is being kicked up behind him. The slower racers who are lagging behind end up passing through this dust and breathe it in. In effect, they are "eating" the leading racer's dust.
So... how old is this phrase? The earliest one could find it in print is from a newspaper called *The World's News,* January 1909. There's a short story from in this newspaper titled "John—Cowboy," and a couple characters from the story exchange these words: "'Can you keep up?' 'Keep up? You-all will eat my dust,' shrilled the boy, in a fever of excitement, and boastful."

QUOTE BOX

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
— Aristotle

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Scatterbrain.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 French preposition
5 Commander in Chief, abbr.
8 English footballer Bukayo ___
12 Young woman
13 Superpower nation
14 Surrounded by
15 Tennis trio of Vijay, Anand and Ashok
17 Our Prime Minister Narendra ___
18 ___ de mer : seasickness?
19 Musician - wind section player?
21 Akbar's grandfather
24 Alcoholic drinks
25 Dutch football club AFC ___
26 Stirred violently ?
30 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat ?
31 Forebodings or portents
32 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
33 Mourning
35 IIM grads.
36 Agreement
37 Musical piece
38 African republic
41 Three in Italy
42 French playground - "carp" anagram?
43 Respires
48 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
49 Slack or loose
50 Hawk's home
51 Weeps convulsively
52 Tolkien's tree like creature
53 Hewn or cut down

DOWN
1 Turkish military leader
2 Vitality
3 It's human to do so
4 The highest or most intense point in a story or a drama
5 Ringlet
6 Inertial Sensor Assembly
7 Persuading or coaxing with flattery
8 Indian snack
9 Marne mine
10 Children
11 Mine opening
16 A sticky black liquid
20 Gambles, lays odds
21 Explosive haircut?
22 Partly open
23 Yogita or Geeta of Hindi cinema
24 Factor, envoy
26 Friendly
27 Prohibition
28 A slang word uttered in amazement or surprise
29 An amount of medicine
31 Egg shaped
34 Periods, ages
35 Sicilian volcano (2,4)
37 Age or epoch
38 Mimics
39 Alliance since '49
40 Snatch suddenly
41 Words of a book
44 Hurried or sped
45 Jinx or curse
46 Opp. of WNW
47 Subscriber Trunk Dialling, in short

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

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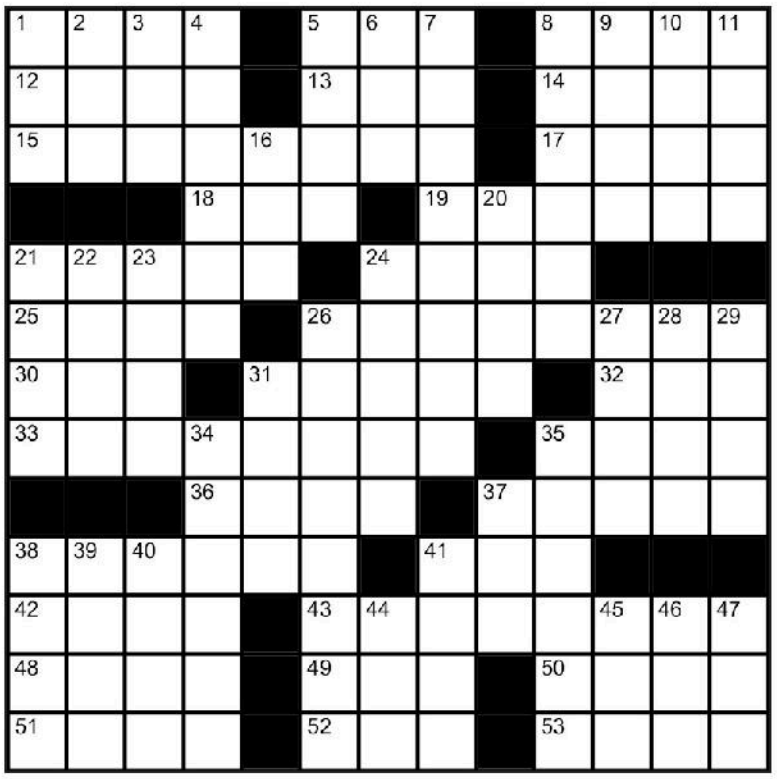

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	7	2	3	4	5	9	8
9	4	8	6	7	5	1	2	3
3	5	2	9	8	1	6	4	7
5	9	6	4	2	3	7	8	1
7	1	3	5	9	8	2	6	4
8	2	4	7	1	6	3	5	9
2	8	9	3	6	7	4	1	5
4	3	1	8	5	2	9	7	6
6	7	5	1	4	9	8	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VFZ VM VCD UZZGZWA FZZUW

KW AV PZ YA NVSZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS T

Friday's Cryptoquip: Sports do not build character. They reveal it.

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Oppenheimer (E)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 1.20 pm
Achar & Co (K)	(S-1)	4.50 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 am; (S-4) 4.05 pm
Haunted Mansion (E)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 10 pm
Barbie (E)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 7 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am
Baby (Te)	(S-3)	4 pm
LGM - Lets Get Married (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Bro (Te)	(S-4)	7.20 pm, 10 pm

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Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm 6.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Diamond Cross (K)	:	11.00 am
DD Returns (Te)	:	1.35 pm
LGM - Let's Get Married (Ta)	:	4 pm, 9.30 pm
Voice of Sathyanathan (Ma)	:	6.55 pm

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Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	:	8.30 am, 9.25 am, 12.35 pm 3.40 pm, 6.45 pm 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm 7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Bro (Te)	:	9.55 am, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Aura (K)	:	10.40 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.35 am
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	:	12.50 pm
Haunted Mansion (E)	:	1.30 pm, 10.30 pm
LGM - Let's Get Married (Ta)	:	3.25 pm
Barbie (E)	:	3.45 pm
Aachar & Co (K)	:	8.05 pm

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Oppenheimer (E)	:	9 am, 11.40 am, 6.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.30 pm 7 pm, 10 pm
Bro (Te)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm
Baby 2023 (Te)	:	12.45 pm
Barbie (E)	:	12.50 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	3.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Diamond Cross (K)	:	4.20 pm

Winners and runners of Football League

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EVENTS TODAY (JULY 31)

- **Abhivrudhi:** Silk India-2023, expo-cum-sale of pure silk products, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana Pravachana Yajna' as part of Adhika Masa, discourse on 'Ayodhyakanda' by Vid. Srikantacharya Kalasapura, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 1)

- **Abhivrudhi:** Silk India-2023, expo-cum-sale of pure silk products, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
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- **Sri Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-257, vocal concert by Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

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Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.05 pm
Oppenheimer (E)	(S-2)	9.40 am 4.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Barbie (E)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Aachar & Co (K)	(S-2)	7.55 pm; (S-3) 10.20 am
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-4)	9.25 am, 1.00 pm
	(S-3)	6.25 pm, 10.00 pm
Bro (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.35 pm
DD Returns (Ta)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Baby (Te)	(s-4)	10.30 pm

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	(S-2)	2.00 pm, 6.35 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	(S-3)	9.00 am
	(S-1)	1.05pm,7.15, 10.20pm
Diamond Cross (K)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-2)	10.25 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	3.00 pm, 6.35 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-2)	5.55 pm
Love (Ta)	(S-4)	1.25 pm
LGM - Let's Get Married (Ta)	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Bro (Te)	(S-3)	12.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Voice of Sathyanadhan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm

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